

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A protective glove comprising:
a glove portion made of mesh material;
a wrist portion also made of mesh material; and
an elastic element attached to the wrist portion in the form of a single coiled spring wider than it is thick to improve comfort.
2. (Original) The protective glove of claim 1 in which the coiled spring is at least twice as wide as it is thick.
3. (Original) The protective glove of claim 1 in which each coil of the coiled spring extends parallel to the glove portion for the width of the coiled spring and then turns perpendicular to the glove portion for the thickness of the coiled spring.
4. (Original) The protective glove of claim 3 in which the turn of each coil is rounded.
5. (Original) The protective glove of claim 1 in which there are between 9 and 11 coils per inch.

6. (Original) The protective glove of claim 5 in which the width of each coil is between .5 and 1 inches and the thickness of each coil is between .2 and .3 inches.
7. (Original) The protective glove of claim 1 in which the coiled spring is made of metal.
8. (Original) The protective glove of claim 1 in which the ends of the coiled spring are welded together.
9. (Original) The protective glove of claim 1 in which the coils of the coiled spring extend through the terminal links of the wrist portion of the glove.
10. (Original) The protective glove of claim 1 in which the coiled spring is color coded wherein different colors indicate different size gloves.
11. (Original) The protective glove of claim 7 in which the coiled spring is color coded with a colored coating that complies with the 21 CFR §175.300.
12. (Original) The protective glove of claim 1 further including a forearm portion.
13. (Original) The protective glove of claim 12 in which the forearm portion also includes an elastic element attached thereto in the form of a coiled spring wider than it is thick to improve comfort.

14. (Original) The protective glove of claim 13 in which one coiled spring is attached to the wrist portion on one end thereof and attached to the forearm portion on the other end thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) A protective glove comprising:
a glove portion made of metal mesh material;
a wrist portion also made of metal mesh material; and
an elastic element attached to the wrist portion in the form of a single coiled spring at least twice as wide as it is thick and wherein each coil extends parallel to the glove portion for the width of the coiled spring and then turns perpendicular to the glove portion in a rounded manner for the thickness of the coiled spring to improve comfort.

16. (Currently Amended) A protective glove comprising:
a glove portion made of metal mesh material;
a wrist portion also made of metal mesh material; and
an elastic element attached to the wrist portion in the form of a single coiled spring wider than it is thick to improve comfort and color coded to indicate the size of the glove.

17. (Currently Amended) A protective glove comprising:
a glove portion made of metal mesh material;
a wrist portion also made of metal mesh material;
a forearm portion;

~~an~~ a single elastic closure element attached to the wrist portion in the form of a coiled spring wider than it is thick to improve comfort; and

another single elastic element attached to the distal end of the forearm portion also in the form of a coiled spring wider than it is thick to improve comfort.

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